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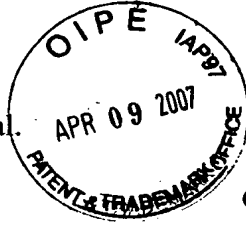
In re patent application of

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For: OUTER SURROUNDING BODY FOR USE IN CONSTRUCTION, AND
APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING THE SAME



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**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION AND
RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 12, 2007, please consider the following:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.